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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY --SEPT 23

1. U.S. COVERAGE LIGHT, SOMEWHAT NASTY.

--PRAVDA PRINTS TASS-BONN STORY LEADING WITH BRANDT
STATEMENT THAT FRG VOTERS ON OCTOBER 3 WILL BE CHOOSING
FUTURE COURSE OF THEIR FOREIGN POLICY. ARTICLE GOES
ON TO PRESENT BRANDT'S "FOREIGN POLICY THESES" OF SPD
WITHOUT COMMENT, BUT IN VERY FAVORABLE WAY. IZVESTIYA'S
INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY COLUMN BY N. PAKLIN EXPLAINS
BREZHNEV'S COMING VISIT TO FRG IN TERMS OF GOOD NEIGHBORLY
RELATIONS, COOPERATION AND DETENTE. HE BLASTS CERTAIN
NATO CIRCLES FOR NON-COOPERATION AND FOR OBJECTIONABLE
MILITARY MANEUVERS AND ATTEMPTS TO PLACE BREZHNEV'S VISIT
IN CONTEXT OF USUAL HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS BY LISTING
VISITS BY EASTERN LEADERS TO WESTERN EUROPE.

--UNGA OPENING GETS ATTENTION IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA
WITH EMPHASIS AGAIN ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES. AMERASINGHE
ELECTION NOTED IN PRAVDA AS IS ADMISSION OF SECHELLES.
PRAVDA OMITTS REFERENCE TO VN APPLICATION BUT IZVESTIYA
COMMENTS MILDLY THAT IT WOULD BE "ABSURD" IF VN WERE
LEFT OUT.

--PRAVDA FRONTPAGES MESSAGE FROM KOSYGIN TO 20TH JUBILEE
SESSION OF IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE, PRAISING ORGANIZATION
FOR ITS WORK IN PEACEFUL NUCLEAR USE AND URGING MORE
EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO CONTROL PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS.

PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT
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--VISIT OF SUPREME SOVIET DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA
AS GUESTS OF YUGOSLAV FEDERAL ASSEMBLY. DELEGATION
LED BY VICE CHAIRMAN OF SUPREME SOVIET, CANDIDATE
MEMBER OF PRESIDUM OF CPSU AND FIRST SECRETARY OF
AZERBAIDZAN CP, G.A. ALEYEV.

--PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS TOKYO ITEM CLAIMING THAT
THE JAPANESE PRESS AND PUBLIC OPPOSED THE "AUTHORITIES"
HANDLING OF THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE "FORCED LANDING

OF THE SOVIET PLANE". THE ITEM CITES LETTERS TO THE EDITORS OF ASAHI AND OTHER MAJOR NEWSPAPERS WARNING AGAINST POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS, AND CONCLUDES BY QUOTING JSP LEADER KAWASAKI CRITICIZING JAPAN'S "ONE-SIDED" BEHAVIOR AND CALLING FOR THE RETURN OF THE PLANE.

--ON LEBANESE EVENTS, PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE TASS BEIRUT ARTICLE WHICH DESCRIBES BOTH BROAD SUPPORT OF SARKIS (NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC, PALESTINIAN, AND PHALANGIST) AND OPPOSITION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANJIYAH-SHAMUN BLOC. ARTICLE CITES "LE ORIENT-LE JOUR" ON ISRAELI DELIVERY OF 30 U.S. SHERMAN-54 M TANKS TO JUNIYAH. IZVESTIYA HAS "PRESS-SERVUCE 'IZVESTIYA'" ARTICLE WHICH CITES "AL ANWAR'S" PESSIMISM ON POSSIBILITY OF PLO-SYRIAN-SARKIS MEETING IN CHTURA RESULTING IN AGREEMENT.

--IZVESTIYA HAS SHORT NOTE BY TEHRAN CORRESPONDENT A. AKHEDZYANOV WHICH DESCRIBES SIGNING OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRANIAN OIL COMPANY AND CONSORTIUM OF JAPANESE FIRMS ON FURTHER PENETRATION OF JAPANESE CAPITAL INTO IRAN.

--ON AFRICA, PRAVDA HAS TASS HELSINKI REPORT ON WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) DECLARATION ON NAMIBIA. WPC OPPOSES APPLYING U.S. ME POLICY OF "PROCRASTINATION" TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. PRAVDA HAS SHORT, PAGE-ONE MENTION OF PODGORNY SYMPATHY CABLE TO MOZAMBICAN PRESIDENT MACHEL ON OCCASION OF MINE DISASTER AT MOATIZE. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA DESCRIBE NEW MASS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IN MALI, DEMOCRATIC UNION OF MALIAN PEOPLE (ALL SEPTTEL).

--PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY GENNADIY ZAFESOV DESCRIBES CUBA'S INCREASED INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS.

2. U.S. COVERAGE LIGHT WITH NASTY NUCLEAR NOTES.

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FOR PRAVDA ON SITUATION IN U.S. HE REPORTS THAT MORE AMERICANS FAVOR DETENTE THAN OPPOSE IT, BUT NOTES STRONG OPPOSITION OF SOME REACTIONARY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS, E.G. JACKSON AND REAGAN, WHO ARGUE THAT U.S. GETS LESS FROM DETENTE THAN USSR. HE SEES CONTRADICTION BETWEEN FORD AND CARTER STATEMENTS ABOUT FURTHER DEVELOPING U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS WHILE AT SAME TIME CAMPAIGN RHETORIC DENOUNCES SOVIET EXPANSIONISM, ETC. AUTHOR FINDS LATTER HARD TO ACCEPT AS ONLY TACTICAL CAMPAIGN LANGUAGE; FOR SOME IT IS NOT JUST "CAMPAIGN ZIGZAGS".

--PRAVDA HAS SIDE-BY-SIDE ITEMS ON HIROSHIMA AND ENIWETOK ATOLL. ON HIROSHIMA TASS-TOKYO STORY REPORTS ON OCCASION OF NEWLY PUBLISHED REPORT THAT SAYS 80 PERCENT OF CITY'S INHABITANTS WITHIN 500 METERS OF EPICENTER OF BLAST DIED AND THAT AFTER EFFECTS OVER YEARS HAVE

KILLED THOUSANDS MORE. TASS-NEW YORK REPORTS ON RETURN
TO ENIWETOK OF INHABITANTS REMOVED OVER 30 YEARS
AGO, WITH APPROPRIATE DETAILS ON U.S. NUCLEAR TESTING ON
THE ATOLL.
--EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF SPANISH-
U.S. BASE AGREEMENT REPORTED BY PRAVDA.
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